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GAINS AND LOSSES

The Registrar is completing the statistics for the 1931 Year Book. At the present moment it appears that the total church membership in our Conference is 19,374, which is a less of 155 over the previous year. There were 690 persons received into membership on confession, as against 700 last year. The total number admitted was 1279 in 1931 as against 1481 in 1930, a loss of 202 in the number being received. The number removed by death during the past year was 216 and by letter 276. The total number removed was 1434, as against 1193 the year previous.

Sunday School membership gained in the year 24 members, the total now being 13,912. The number of members of the young people's societies now stands at 4,438, which is a gain of 508.

In spite of the depression, the amount disbursed for home expense in 1931 exceeded that of 1930 by $20,500. Should not our churches and ministers give serious attention to the fact that budgets for home expenses increased over $20,000 while benevolences decreased $10,000?

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

The study of church attendance begun by Mr. Roger Babson's commission in 1930 has shown that the decline is closely related to the growing urbanization of the nation. In a selected group of 100 churches in northern New England it was found that the averaged attendance in proportion to membership declined as the size of the community increased.

In unincorporated areas and in villages with a population under 2,500, the churches had an average attendance of 71 per cent.

In villages 2,500 to 5,000 the average attendance was 65 per cent.

In towns 5,000 to 10,000 the average attendance was 46 per cent.

In cities 10,000 to 50,000 the average attendance was 42 per cent.

In cities over 50,000 the average attendance was 30 per cent.

The commission has had 1,000 churches in all states throughout the country cooperating in its study by reporting the actual count of the attendance at each Sunday morning service since January 1, 1930. In a comparison of regions the lowest average attendance was found in the urban middle Atlantic states from New York to the District of Columbia. The average attendance of a group of selected churches in places of all sizes in these states was 36 per cent. The highest average attendance was in the rural southeastern states where the per cent was 78.

The commission believes that unless the habit of church attendance can be made to flourish in the cities, organized religion is in great peril.

Attendance upon shows, prize fights, movies and other recreations, good or bad, is a growing habit in cities; church attendance is a declining habit. It will be a sad day if the influences of commercialized amusements are allowed in our country to supplant the influences of the church upon individual character, family life and social spirit.

I AM STILL RICH

ROY L. SMITH

We have passed through a panic, suffered from a crash on the stock market and are now more than half way through the depression and I am still rich.

It may be true that I have much less to live on than I had a year ago, but it is certainly true that I have just as much as ever to life for. The real values of life are unshaken and solid.

My two-hundred-thousand-dollar eyes are just as good as they ever were. Every landscape and sunset is mine if I want it. Twenty-thousand-dollar sense of hearing is still unimpaired and by it I become an heir to a world of beauty and inspiration.

The depression has not lowered the value of a single friendship. Neighbors still greet us in the same old cordial way, business associates believe in us, and our sons hold us in high respect. The wife's welcome at the close of the day has not depreciated in the least and our daughters continue to lavish their affection upon us with the same old extravagance.

My faith in the goodness of the universe is unimpaired. By that faith I am emboldened as I face defeat and despair. The prayers my mother taught me and the faith in God instilled in me by devout father remain as priceless treasures no depression can touch.

The investments we made in ambitious youth, hospitals, crippled-children's camps, colleges, and service institutions go on paying dividends. The deepest satisfactions of life—those which come from sharing and serving—remain secure.

I am still rich because I am independently rich—none of my wealth depends upon business conditions or market reports.—Selected.

IF SALOONS RETURN

Young people who have never known, and older people who have forgotten, the conditions that exist when a country has saloons, would do well to read a letter from London which appeared in the Rockford (Ill.) Morning Star, by Walter S. Grebner, a Boy Scout leader, who went to Europe last summer with a party of Scouts:

"About four blocks from the hotel," he writes, "we saw crowds. Before this we had seen several figures staggering along, and three women, drunk, called us names until a "bobby' dispersed them.

"Well, we went down to the crowd and found that in two blocks there were eight saloons, and they were closing. The great crowd was at least 50 per cent elderly women and 50 per cent of them were "stewed." Glasses of beer outside, bottles being gulped down and yelling and howling all about. One old woman fell flat in the middle of the street, dead drunk, until two young girls helped her home. A man and a woman, evidently his wife, drunk, engaged in an argument, which ended in a fist fight between the two.

"It was so disgusting, so degrading, that we left the scene firmly thanking God for our American prohibition, and convinced that it is our greatest blessing nationally."

In England, the rate of auto fatalities is one for each 118 cars registered; in the United States, one for each 1,121 cars. Otherwise stated, the auto death rate per car in England, wet, as compared with the United States, dry, is more than nine to one. —American Issue, Westerville, Ohio, June 28, 1929, which is the latest report available.

The wealth of the nation in 1914 (wet) was $188,600,000,000. In 1929 this had grown to $381,600,000,000—an increase of 88%. Under prohibition the U. S. has prospered beyond any other country in the world's history.—Figures by National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y.

COMING EVENTS

April 11, Monday. Conference Board of Directors (Budgets voted).

April 14-17. State Council of Religious Education. Annual Convention. First Christian Church, Oakland.

April 19-20, Tuesday and Wednesday. Sacramento Valley Association, at Oroville.

April 21, Thursday. Federation of Congregational Women. Spring meeting. Campbell.

April 26, Tuesday. Bay Association. First Congregational Church, Alameda.

April 27, Wednesday. Santa Clara Association. San Mateo.

April 28, Thursday. Sonoma Association. Sonoma.

April 29, Friday. Upper Bay Association. Martinez.

May 3-4, Tuesday and Wednesday. Central Association. Salida.

May 5, Thursday. Pacific School of Religion Graduation.

May 6, Friday. San Joaquin Association. Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

May 9-10-11, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Southern California Congregational Conference. Whittier.

May 9-18. Interdenominational School for Rural Pastors. State Agricultural School. Davis.

May 19-20, Thursday and Friday. Findings Conference of Northern California Inter-Church Survey. Davis.

July 5-14. Missionary Education Movement Conference. Asilomar.

July 30-August 6. Young People's Conference of Congregational Churches of Northern California. Asilomar.

October 4-5-6. Pacific Slope Congress. First Church, San Diego.

October 25-26-27. Northern California Congregational Conference, First Church, Berkeley.

SAN LEANDRO. BROADMOOR. — The church observed the tenth anniversary of the starting of this work on the evening of January 27th. Former pastors and workers were present and enjoyed the splendid banquet. A Father and Son dinner held on February 10 was attended by 160 persons. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor.

PROGRESS IN 1932

Beginning with this issue, The Pacific will present every month the list of churches which have made remittances for benevolences during the current calendar year, showing the amount received from the tenth of January until the close of the month just preceding publication. It is the hope of the Conference office that pastors and church members in seeing this list will be reminded to make remittance promptly and regularly. The new budget must needs make provision during the year 1932 for $742.50 for interest on borrowed money.

BENEVOLENCE RECEIPTS

January 11-February 29, 1932

Berkeley. First	$645.00
Berkeley. North	112.36
Cloverdale	37.15
Cotati	23.65
Crockett	12.50
Fairfax	30.00
Grass Valley	7.07
Guerneville	10.00
Los Gatos	2.00
Oakland. First	638.00
Oakland. Plymouth	150.00
Pacific Grove	39.50
Palo Alto	225.00
Paradise	15.00
Petaluma	50.00
Redwood City	36.85
Sacramento	35.00
Salida	6.00
San Francisco. Richmond	1.00
San Jose	120.00
San Leandro	29.71
Santa Rosa. First	23.74
Sebastopol	18.00
Stockton	100.00
Sunnyvale	7.00
Tulare	15.75
Miscellaneous. Desig.	100.00
	$2,490.28

ANNUITY FUND

At the annual meeting of the members of the Annuity Fund for Congregational ministers early in February, Dr. Lewis T. Reed, the General Secretary of the Fund reported the number of members on December 31, 1931, as 2647, an increase of 443 during the last five years. Included in this number are 678 who are already receiving annuities, the total amount of which in 1931 was $261,084. Of 427 age annuities now being paid to ministers under the Original Plan, 364 are on the $500 basis, implying a service of 30 years or more and indicating the stability of our ministry.

ERRORS

It is always easy to blame the printer, but this time he was sure enough to blame. In the February issue in the article "The Story of 1931" is the statement that our deficits for operations during 1931 was approximately $3,500. The deficit actually was $4,500 which amount was borrowed from the bank and upon which we are now paying interest.

In the same issue in the article entitled "Mt. Silinda," it is stated that the native people presented Dr. Thompson with a "can," which would not be a very appropriate departing gift. What they did give him was a cane.

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BOOK CLUB BOOKS

Members of the Ministers' Book Club are urged to complete their reading and forward their books as promptly as possible. All members are expected to have finished and to have mailed their books to the office not later than April 5th. Upon receiving them we will gladly dispose of them to members of the club or others at half the list price. As long as the supply lasts we will send the books to parties applying for the same in the order of their communications. The titles and prices will be as follows, postage paid:

Sockman. Morals of Tomorrow..$1.25
Ward. Which Way Religion..... 1.00
Porter. Mind of Christ in Paul.... 1.25
Fiske. Recovery of Worship..... 1.25
Coffin. Meaning of the Cross.... .75
Jeans. Mysterious Universe 1.13
Regester. Albert Schweitzer..... .75
Barbour. Sin and the New Psychology 1.00
Overstreet. Enduring Quest 1.50
Glover. Influence of Christ in the Ancient World ..... .75

STEWARDSHIP HELPS

The Commission on Christian Stewardship of the National Council has suggested a short list of books for individual reading or general study by troups for those interested in stewardship:

Jesus' Teaching on the Use of Money. Ina C. Brown. Cloth $1.00, paper 50 cents.

Money, the Acid Test. McConaughy. Cloth 75 cents; paper 50 cents.

Young People and Money. Stock. 15 cents.

Stewardship in the Life of Young. Williamson and Wallace. Cloth $1.00; paper 50 cents.

Stewardship Parables of Jesus. Long. Cloth $1.00; paper 50 cents.

Royal Partnership. Melvin. Cloth $1.00; paper 50 cents.

The Conference office will be glad to secure these books for any churches that desire them.

M. E. M. ASILOMAR

Plans are under way for the Missionary Education Movement Conference at Asilomar July 5-14. Mr. Lawrence Lehigh of Los Angeles will be in charge of the music. Dr. Morgan S. Odell of Occidental College will teach the young people's leaders course; Mrs. Mary M. Russell, author and lecturer, will be in charge of dramatics. Dr. J. W. Bailey, who is at present in Palestine, will return in time to take charge of a Forum Class for men. Mrs. Silverthorn will teach the women's study book. Dr. William J. Shergold of London, England, a member of the London Missionary Society, and minister of the St. Aubyn's Congregational Church, will conduct the chapel services.

The themes for missionary study this year are: "The North American Indian" (home missions), and "China" (foreign missions).

LATEST WORD ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROJECTS

It will be remembered by Pacific readers that the young people of our Conference have three projects: Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Wagner, in Taiku, China, Blanche Kellogg Institute in Puerto Rico, and Miss Mary Coxhead in Modoc County, California.

Our Young People will be interested in the following quotations from a letter written by Doctors Vincent and Grace Wagner of Taiku Hospital, China, to their American friends:

"Happy? Right you are. $205 gold from the Women's Auxiliary Pomona Pilgrim Church, $100 of which is designated for an upstairs screen porch for open air and sun treatment of tuberculosis patients. At present we do not accept pulmonary cases (no isolation ward) but we constantly have cases of glandular or joint (including spine) tuberculosis in young women whose very life depends upon such treatment.

"I wish you could go with me on an outcall to one of the better homes in a nearby village. The air is filled with dust which every wind raises during this bare, dry time of year. The going is good though very bumpy because the road is frozen. The crops have all been gathered, the fields are forsaken—broken only by the grave mounds and tombstones, one or several for each little field. The horizon is dotted with occasional bare trees and scattered villages where the people live. The village has a mud wall and mud houses. There is an arched gate made of bricks. The better courts have stone foundations, stone floors and brick walls with mud and tile roofs. The rooms are arranged in rectangles inclosing small courts. The floors are also of stone. How cold your feet get! The windows and doors are all in the wall on the court side. They are pasted up tight with paper so that not a breath of fresh air can get in. In the floor by the K'ang (bed) is the fire in its brick and mud stove without a chimney—emitting deadly fumes, the worse because they mix coal dust and mud for fuel. There are colds and coughs in the room. There are drying spots of sputum on the stone floor. Here the women live—often several families in one room. What wonder they get tuberculosis?

"Our two Chinese doctors, Dr. Wen and Dr. Chiao, have not only been of great assistance but are the wheel horses on whom the work turns. From teaching nurses to giving public health lectures, from clinic and out calls to operations, they carry on whether any foreigners are on hand to help or not. They are great! Dr. Wen's salary is given by the Oak Park Church (Ill.) the same church that supports "Dizzey" (Helen Dizney) and Dr. and Mrs. Hemingway. I always thought it would be next to impossible to get good men of experience and graduate training into the interior on Mission Hospital salaries (Mex. $60—$125 a month—Gold $15—$32 a month at present rate of exchange). Their heart is in it as well as this being their family home. And there is another local lad now at Tsinan in the Medical School. They are all real Christians.

"Whatever our feelings are in regard to the Japanese occupation of Manchuria, we are all glad that this time China has not gone to war. We must all work harder than ever for a united China—for the advancement of this stricken people. Only Jesus can find the rock and build on it in these storm tossed sands."

Excerpts from a recent letter written by Martha Lindsay, Principal of the Blanche Kellogg Institute, Puerto Rico, tell of the progress being made and of the needs of that important school.

Last March the A. M. A. decided that a legacy for building extension should be used here. We immediately became busy completing arrangements with an architect whom we had interested in our project for enlarging our work just after buying some land two years ago. He had made sketches and we had talked over plans so that by September 1st, the contracts had been signed and construction was begun.

I wish I were able to describe it all for it is so wonderful to me—a gymnasium and assembly room combined, a beautiful new set of school rooms, and a dormitory for forty girls. All this new building is to be connected with the old buildings by arched balcony. Each day I wonder over things and try to dream what next year is to be.

Of course this beautiful new plant would be nothing if we were to forget the main issue—our girls. I believe we have the finest group we have ever had. By that I do not mean that we have the wealthiest group we have ever had, but we have a group with a fine spirit, an interest in the best things of life, desirous of learning the best way of living and then trying to live it out.

Groups at home are always asking what they can do to help in our big plan and I am happy to be able to share with you the work we have to do. Now here are some of our greatest needs. Our little chapel has been used for so many purposes—literary, study hall, everything for which a large room might serve. We want to reestablish our chapel as the jewel of a place of worship that it might be. For this we need chapel furniture and a small organ.

Second, we want to make library and reading rooms of two of our present school rooms and for these we need all the equipment that one ordinarily finds in such rooms. We have built up our library so that we now have over a thousand books and some home made book shelves and three good book cases.

But there is a very personal need that at present is very close to my heart. As you know, most of our girls have absolutely no money. Their eyes and teeth have been badly neglected. We very much need a fund to provide for girls who need these attentions. At present I am taking seven girls to the dentist every Saturday morning and I am hoping every day for contributions that will help me pay that dentist bill.

THE SECOND MILE

Twenty years ago a struggling little independent church in Tottori, Japan, numbering about 30 members, met in a dark, dingy room. The pastor's salary was $10 a month—when he got it. But faith and works have produced a beautiful church, debt free, supporting a pastor at $50 a month, six home mission centers, and making contributions to work in Korea and the South Seas. "Today we may hear many skeptical remarks as to whether missions are needed," says Miss Estelle Coe, "but no one who visits Tottori can go away without a new vision of what missions mean and without a sense of rebuke for our little faith when we see how many mountains even our tiny mustard seed has moved in two short decades.

Miss Mary Coxhead, our missionary to the Indians in Modoc County, has given us some vivid impressions of her work in a recent letter.

"Yesterday's service at Likely was fine. It was the third meeting, and there were forty out, some coming from below Likely. When I first got to the school house yesterday there were only a handful of Indians present. I felt a little discouraged, and just as I was about to begin I looked out of the window and there, coming over the hill, were about twenty Indians. So of course I waited, and we had a fine service, even if the Indians' dogs did get into a fight just outside the door. Sunday afternoons the Likely school house yard presents a curious sight: Riding horses, horses and wagons, broken down Fords and Stars, and at least a thousand dogs, not to mention the Indians themselves with their papooses strapped on the squaws' backs.

"Tomorrow I begin with '4H' work among the girls at the school. Health is going to play a big part in the program, and also personal appearance. The funny thing about these girls is that they are thoroughly modern. They paint up, and curl their hair, and when they come to school the boys nudge each other, and when the girls catch their eyes on them they blush and have a fine time. We are so used to thinking of Indians in terms of fifty years ago that it is surprising to find that these girls are very much like the modern white girls in many ways.

"The teacher at this school will be very helpful. Last term the teacher cared very little about helping me or teaching the children anything worthwhile. So whatever I tried to do down there was a fizzle, but this term I really feel that something of value will be done.

"The Alturas children are reading. I have no library hours at present, but I take the books around and collect the ones already read. Yesterday Aaron Forrest demanded of his own accord books to read. So this afternoon I shall take some more down to him. I shall gradually work up toward the reading of good books, and perhaps establish library hours.

"A happier and healthier conference of Alturas women (Indian) started last Thursday with 21 in attendance. It will run for six weeks and end with a party and prizes given for the prettiest rag rug and quilts made. Unfortunately I have no Government backing in this. One of the big difficulties to be encountered in this county, and especially in Alturas, is that there are no demonstrators and the people themselves are not willing to help out. This lack of equipment has discouraged the Indian Field Nurse who should be the one to assist me, and there is no help to be gotten from that quarter. But I shall make use of everything that I have myself in the way of home-making knowledge. If I sit around and wait for equipment nothing will be done, but if I get to work maybe I can touch at least one person. Who knows but in preparation for these meetings I might learn something myself!"

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BERKELEY CALIFORNIA

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

SAN FRANCISCO. GRACE-TRINITY CENTER — As The Pacific goes to press the resignations of the three pastors: Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, Rev. Newton E. Moats, and Rev. Homer K. Pitman, have been announced. It is the intention of all three ministers to vacate the field on or before June first. For some time it has been felt that the united program demanded a single pastor with such assistance as might be deemed advisable. It has now been found to be a necessity because of the shrinking incomes from the three missionary boards that participate in its support.

Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, the Congregational pastor in the federation, has greatly endeared himself not only to Bethany-Mission Park church, of which he has been pastor, but to many of the members of the other two churches. As a preacher he has measured up to the enlarged opportunity which the united organization and the radio has brought him. During many months he directed the social activities of the church, which resulted in relief to many thousands of people who were in distress. He has given of his time and strength in preaching and giving addresses at many churches and clubs in our conference when his duties at the United church permitted his absence. He has received a unanimous call to the church at Redwood City, but has not as yet announced whether he will accept or decline.

SAN FRANCISCO. FIRST — Mr. Paul Conant of the Chamber of Commerce of St. Petersburg, Florida, has been called as assistant to Rev. Kerrison Juniper, pastor of the church. A mass meeting was held in St. Petersburg with over two thousand present, to protest against his leaving the city, and an increase in salary was offered him, but without avail. His long acquaintanceship with and high regard for Dr. Juniper brought him to California.

A splendid chorus choir has been organized at the church.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW — The Junior Christian Endeavor Society took first place in the February C. E. rally, by having the greatest number of enrolled members present and the largest number of visitors. This is the third time the society has won the banner during the past year, and as a result comes into permanent possession of it. Rev. James Salmon is the pastor.

SACRAMENTO — Rev. Lawrence Wilson has broken into the public press of the state by his recent reply to a citizen of San Francisco, who wrote the assessor of Sacramento County protesting against the exemption of the church property from taxation because of the recent W. C. T. U. convention which was held in the building.

OAKLAND. FIRST — A large committee is at work in enlisting new members for the church, to be received on Easter afternoon. The by-laws have been so modified that persons who will answer the appeal to unite with the church at the Easter morning service, can be received into membership the same day.

OAKLAND. FRUITVALE — Four new members were received during January, two by letter and two by confession of faith. Mr. James E. Boyd is the pastor.

PETALUMA — Rev. Noel J. Breed, Pastor. On January 16 and 17, the Council of Cacoypa and six other leaders from among the Young People met in Petaluma for a week-end Conference with Dr. Breed and Mr. Price of Fairfax. Dr. Waddell was unable to be present because of illness. Plans for the Summer Conference at Asilomar were discussed and the young people left with the feeling that much had been accomplished.

The Ash Wednesday Dinner, with which the Lenten Season has started the last few years in the Petaluma Church, was largely attended. Dr. Gail Cleland of Alameda was the principal speaker and gave an inspiring address on "And They Crucified Him."

At the evening service on February 21, eight girls of the High School group, directed by Mrs. Frank Greene, presented the missionary play "Two Masters." It was enthusiastically received and repeated for the Women's Service Club meeting.

TABLE BLUFF — The chapel of the Indians has been completed sufficiently for use and was dedicated on Sunday, February 21. It satisfies a long-felt need in the community, and will give Mrs. Florence L. Hunter, who is in charge of the Sunday School, an opportunity to do a much more effective work. Rev. C. H. Hudson of Eureka, has been very active in promoting the enterprise. The Sunday School has an average attendance of 20. Special programs and socials are arranged from time to time. Mrs. Hunter and her husband visit the homes, care for the sick, obtain work for the unemployed, find clothing and food for those in want, and in general ministering in a true Christian spirit to the people. They are deserving of gratitude of our entire fellowship.

FAIRFAX — The members of the church have been very active in community efforts to relieve the unemployed. A splendid reception was recently given by the Dorcas Society to the pastor, Rev. James H. Price, and his wife, and the new members of the church received during the past year. Holy Week services have been planned with Rev. James W. Price of Guerneville doing the preaching. The trustees recently voted an increase of $36.00 a year to benevolences.

VALLEY OF THE MOON — Five young people united with the Sonoma Church in January. Attendance is very encouraging at all three churches: Sonoma, Glen Ellen and Kenwood. At least half of the audiences are young people. All local financial obligations have been cared for. Rev. Frank E. Boren is the pastor, and Mr. Wesley Gordon director of religious education.

BERKELEY. FIRST — Rev. O. W. S. McCall, the pastor, continues his Sunday evening book sermons. Some of his recent subjects have been "Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Philip Barry; "The Good Earth" by Pearl Buck; "Ellen Terry and Bernard Shaw, a Correspondence"; "The Story of San Michele" by Alex Munthe.

CALAVERAS COUNTY — Rev. John T. Munton continues his pastoral leadership over a very large area. He was recently called to Mokelumne Hill for a funeral. During February he preached ten sermons, attended four Sunday School sessions, and conducted two prayer meetings.

OAKLAND. PILGRIM—Rev. Charles H. Cleaves brought consternation to his people at the annual meeting in January by resigning the pastorate to take effect June 1st. Mr. Cleaves came to the church about six years ago at the invitation of the Conference, to lead in a reorganized program of the old Boulevard Church. At the time of his coming the church had a membership of less than a hundred, and the life of the church was at a very low ebb. During his pastorate the membership has more than doubled and a large number of young people have been gathered into the Sunday School and various organizations of the church. There is a Men's Club which has an attendance of 40 to 50 at each meeting, and a very active women's organization. Mr. Cleaves has been identified with luncheon clubs and community activities and has become widely and favorably known throughout the whole city. As a pastor his work has been notable. Rarely has a month passed that he has not made at least a hundred calls. His plans for the future have not yet been announced.

CLOVERDALE — An attendance contest with the Santa Rosa Church has resulted in greatly increased congregations, running as high as 300 per cent over those in the late autumn. The pastor, Rev. H. S. Davidson, has arranged a cadet system of teaching in the Sunday School, whereby the older people learn by teaching those younger. Each member of the young people's class takes under his wing a Junior for instruction.

The monthly birthday dinners sponsored by the church have become community-wide social occasions. A splendid dinner is served for 25 cents and all persons whose birthdays fall during the month sit at the birthday table and have their dinners free.

ADIN — Rev. Westwood Wallace, who has been serving the church as stated supply for some months, has organized a Sunday School at Nubieber, which is on the Great Northern Railway. Forty-eight persons were present at the first session, which was held in a store building. More teachers were present than classes. Mr. Wallace will preach every Sunday morning. Sunday School is conducted on Sunday afternoons at Lookout and evening services are held at Adin.

RENO — Rev. William Moll Case, the pastor, is using exceedingly suggestive sermon subjects for the Lenten period. His general theme is "Recapturing the Radiance." The topics are: "The Enlightened Soul," "The Receptive Heart," "The Quickened Faith," "The Renewed Hope," "The Deepened Love," "The Radiant Road," "The Saving Stand."

GUERNEVILLE — Congregations have vastly improved in numbers in the past year. Payments to the Building Society and for three years insurance have been made. The pastor, Rev. James W. Price, made 115 pastoral calls during the month of February. He serves as chairman of three committees on relief work among the distressed people of the community.

ALAMEDA — By vote of the church an earnest attempt will be made for a one hundred per cent attendance of the members on Palm Sunday. At a special Olden Time service held in honor of Washington's Birthday on a recent Sunday evening 298 persons were present. Rev. Gail Cleland is the pastor.

BERKELEY. PARK — The attendance has shown a small but encouraging increase. A monthly family dinner has proved to be a very popular feature. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, has announced the plan for using Easter as decision day in the upper grades of the Sunday School. The following church membership pledge will be suggested to the young people and their parents:

"Because I want to be of the most service possible in our Lord's kingdom;

"Because I want to share in the work of His Church in the most effective manner;

"Because I want to acknowledge Him as my Lord and Saviour, my Friend and Companion:

"I pledge myself to the Church and to the things for which it stands. I will do my best to live my life as a church-member should. I will attend its services as often as I can and share in them as much as I can. I will give to the church as I am able.

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for help and wisdom I will do my best to keep this pledge.

Signed....."

LODI — Three societies of young people are now functioning. Following the Sunday evening services the home of the pastor, Rev. E. T. Sherman, is thrown open for informal discussion and social hour.

The women's association has been divided into ten groups, each group being in charge of the work for one month.

On Sunday evening February 21, the pastor gave an illustrated lecture on Washington, and a bas-relief of Washington, the work of Mrs. Sherman, was on exhibit. The local Relief Corps attended and presented an American flag to the Scout troop.

SAN JOSE — Rev. Benjamin Gould, pastor, has announced a series of Lenten sermons on the general theme "Religion for Such a Time as This." The topics are as follows: The Foundations of Security; The Dependable Realities; the Helpful Ministries; The Need of Fellowship; The Call to Heroism; The Necessity of Communion (Holy Thursday) The Triumph of the Eternal.

CROCKETT — The work of Miss Mary E. Hunt among foreign speaking peoples is progressing splendidly. During February the attendance at her boys' group averaged 22 for the four weeks, and of the girls' group 13. She is also conducting classes for boys and girls at Rodeo.

LOLETA — Mrs. Florence L. Hunter, who conducts the Indian Sunday School at Table Bluff, also cares for a Sunday School at Loleta, where we still have a church building. Twenty-seven children are enrolled and are divided into three departments.

SAN CARLOS — Six new members were added by letter during February. Special midweek services are being held during Lent in which the topics found in the Fellowship of Prayer have been used. Rev. R. B. Cherington is the pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO. CALVARY—The attendance at worship is most encouraging. Out of a total membership of 39 of the young people's society, there is an average attendance at its meetings of 36. Rev. H. A. Kartozian is the pastor.

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Miss Frances B. Clapp reports the most sweeping epidemic of typhoid last autumn since the influenza epidemic of 1918; 38 cases were discovered among the employees of a single firm, and Kyoto was less affected than other places, owing to better living conditions and resistance, and also to the fact that every one was innoculated.

Fowler Hall, in the Doshisha, is ready to be dedicated, one year from the laying of the corner stone. The appropriation of the Collins legacy for a pipe organ for this hall was a surprise and delight and they are working now over specifications and prices in connection with it. The two used pianos, also sent from California, arrived in good condition, but owing to the deficit in the government budget, they were obliged to pay $130 duty on each one, though Miss Clapp adds that they were worth the extra charge to them, as they needed them sorely.

PRAY FOR JAPAN AND CHINA

Rev. George M. Newell says "Pray for Japan and China. Pray for the League of Nations. If she fails in her effort to bring justice, China may (sometimes I feel like saying WILL) turn to Russia."

TRAVEL DE LUXE

There is no place to which our thoughts turn more anxiously these days than to the Far East, no place about which we are more eager to be informed. Here is your opportunity and no expense involved. A library card will serve as your ticket, a book for your passport, and while seated in a comfortable chair a far easier trip to foreign lands may be made than by boat, with no mal de mer, or typhoons to spoil one's enjoyment. Mrs. Cleland has selected a number of books for this imaginary trip so "All aboard for Japan, and the Land of the Rising Sun."

The first four books give a background of Japanese customs and life, and while not so recent, are most alluring. They are "Daughter of the Samurai," by Etsu Inagaki Sugimoto; "Japan and Korea," by Frank G. Carpenter; both Doubleday, Page & Co. publications; "Japan in Silhouette," by Trowbridge Hall is published by Macmillan. The next three are 1931 books and deal with a variety of Japan's problems, told in an interesting way. They are published by George Doran Co., Charles Scribner's Sons, and Harper & Brothers, respectively. They are "The Romance of Japan through the Ages," by James A. B. Sherer; "Japan: Some Phases of Her Problems and Development," by Inazo Nitobe, and "Noguchi," by Gustav Eckstein. There are three other volumes, all by C. Walter Young, the Johns Hopkins Press, which are more technical and especially interesting to those who wish to learn the international and legal aspects of the Japan - Manchuria - Korea situation. They are: The International Legal Status of the Kwantung Leased Territory." "Japanese Jurisdiction in the South Manchuria Railway Areas;" and "Japan's Special Position in Manchuria."

SPRING MEETING

Spring Meeting of the Woman's Federation of Northern California will be held at Campbell, Thursday, April 21.

STUDENTS AGAINST WAR

The first public demonstration of any moment against Japan's course in Manchuria and Shanghai took place February 10 at the Imperial University. Eight hundred students gathered in front of the main lecture hall of the university, heard speeches by four of their colleagues and then attempted to parade through the streets; they circulated hand bills and pasted posters on the university buildings that read "Down with the Students' Patriotic Association!" and "Down with Empire Day." Twenty-five students were arrested.

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Questions For You to Answer:

1. Had Militarism anything to do with the "honor slaying" case, so called, in Honolulu?
   Read President Palmer's article in the "Congregationalist" of January 28, 1932.
2. Would you like to have YOUR son settled in a large military or naval establishment of from 5,000-15,000 men, where ONLY officers can have any family life?
3. Would there be any danger of a man's morals becoming lax surrounded by a rather primitive native population whose women have always been more or less exploited by soldiers and sailors?
4. If white women are to be protected from attacks by natives in military or civilian circles, should we demand that the women of brown and yellow skinned races of different lands be likewise protected from the ravages of white men?
5. Who is responsible for the present social conditions in Honolulu, and will justice and mercy be shown in the coming trial regardless of race, creed or social position?

WATCHFUL WAITING

THIS is a question for YOU, CHRISTIAN WOMEN! The result, also, depends on YOU, as to whether the eighteenth amendment will be repealed or modified. Dr. A. H. Briggs, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of California, says the drys must "hang together" and "BACK ONE MAN ONLY FOR CONGRESS IN EACH DISTRICT, AND FOR THE SENATE, or else meet defeat for TOO many candidates are appearing from the ranks of the Prohibitionists."

Do YOU know who YOUR senators and representatives are, both at Washington and in California? Do you KNOW WHO is WET and WHO is DRY? It is YOUR business to know, also any laws or appeals or initiatives that will be urged against law enforcement.

Have you an alert representative in your Woman's Organization who will keep you posted on up-to-the-minute Prohibition news? If not get one at once. Each woman should consider herself a committee of one on this subject and be ready to answer intelligently questions along these lines.

This is no time for watchful waiting, but for watchful, wise, prayerful working. Be informed! Broadcast your knowledge! Don't wait.

An increase in drinking naturally causes an increase in drunkeness. In his book "THE NOBLE EXPERIMENT" Prof. Fisher of Yale shows that there has been a substantial decline in drunkeness in 792 cities. The U. S. Census report shows a decline of 55.3% for the entire nation.

WHO STARTED THE WORLD WAR?

Have you not often wished that you knew more about the causes of the World War outside of that incident at Serajevo? Have you not wanted to learn about the secret alliances that were carried on between the nations that resulted in the most deadly war the world has ever seen? Have you hoped you might learn all these facts from one who not only knew his subject thoroughly, but who would handle it dispassionately and with cool detachment?

Well, there is a man at last who has done this very thing: Sydney B. Fay, Professor of History at Harvard University. He has given years of patient research to this work and Macmillan is now publishing the original two volumes in one. This is the book to which Dr. W. J. Sherman referred at the annual meeting of the Federation.

It is fascinating reading from beginning to end, bringing in the human, personal touches that make it read like a novel. From the formation of the League of the Three Emperors, through the Triple Alliance and Entente, on to the Egyptian and Balkan disturbances and finally to the dramatic assassination of the Archduke, climaxing with that most horrible holocaust of all times, the World War, it grips and holds one's attention. One sees the Kaiser, too, in a slightly different light. Many letters of the Kaiser are given, also marginal notes he made where he expressed "unrestrainedly his inmost thoughts," showing that he sincerely sought to mediate before it was too late.

Professor Fay laboriously made direct translations from the original documents of many nations and makes this statement at the conclusion of his thorough investigations: "NO ONE MAN OR NO ONE COUNTRY WAS SOLELY OR PROBABLY, EVEN, MAINLY TO BLAME FOR THE WAR."

This book is said to give the "first purely scientific treatment of this question, based upon adequate source material." The New York Herald-Tribune claims that it would "contribute powerfully to the understanding and peace of the world if all editors, politicians, preachers, and teachers were required to read this book before opening their mouths on the present state of Europe's tangled affairs."

No thoughtful person who wishes to understand past European conflicts, or to be conversant with present day world problems can afford to miss reading this book.

The following is an article by Miss Ruth Lee, one of the students in Hip Wo School, San Francisco. She sets forth in an interesting way three sets of dual responsibilities and requirements that the Hip Wo students must meet.

"Hip Wo School is one of the largest Chinese Christian established schools in America. It has an enrollment of two hundred students and a faculty of seven teachers. At present there are seven classes, six of which are regular classes and one special class for those who have less time to spare. The six regular classes run from 5:00 to 8:00 p. m., while the special class starts from 6:00 to 8:00 p. m.

"The Chinese boys and girls who are going to the Hip Wo School are also attending American schools during the daytime. In the American schools they are taught the English language, and modern American ways. They are urged to acquire American ideas and to adopt their customs. But the minute they step into Hip Wo School they are transported from America to China. The three hours every day are spent in learning the Chinese characters and the speaking of cultured Chinese. They are taught to write in their mother tongue, and to acquaint themselves with China's quaint ways and customs.

"Most of the students attending the Hip Wo School are native-born citizens of the United States and at the same time they are citizens of China. In order to be good American citizens the laws of the United States have to be learned and obeyed. Although they are now living in America, they are prepared to go back and help their mother country, and if they are to fulfill their duty as good citizens, some knowledge of China's laws must be acquired.

"As this school is a Christian institution, one of its many motives is to build good character and make good citizens and Christians out of these young and ambitious boys and girls. For this reason, the first half hour of each day is devoted to singing of hymns, prayers and short talks by ministers, prominent persons and teachers, to help uplift the minds and souls of the students. In spite of the fact that they worship God in school, some of the parents still keep their old customs of worshipping idols. Although their home environment is such, they are asked to tell their parents about Christ and by their good deeds show what God is.

"Upon these students rests a great responsibility, for they are the future men and women of China, the future thinkers of that vast, old country that is so far behind in modern ways. Their duties may be hard and many, but they are willing to give up other pleasures that some boys and girls would enjoy, during the time spent in acquiring two languages, serving two countries, and facing two religions, all at the same time.

—Five Continents.

The Hip Wo School is jointly supported by our Conference and the Presbyterian denomination. The Methodists cooperate by furnishing rooms for some of the classes.

LEST WE FORGET--

"SHE DIED leaving $100,000.00 to relatives who did not need it, and failed to remember her own beloved church or its benevolences." This was only a few weeks ago, and it happens again and again.

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